

House Resolution No. 458

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism and courage while fulfilling their duties as state employees; and

Whereas, Donald Stiles is a Corrections Officer I at the Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron, Missouri; and

Whereas, on Friday, February 27, 2004, CO I Donald Stiles will receive a Missouri Department of Corrections Director's Award of Valor for heroic services in light of his lifesaving actions on October 30, 2003, while on duty; and

Whereas, during the evening mainline movement involving several hundred inmates going to and from dining halls, CO I Stiles observed an offender approach a Lieutenant and ask to speak to him; and

Whereas, when the offender produced a homemade weapon fashioned from a belt and a padlock and then violently struck the Lieutenant in the face, CO I Stiles intervened; and

Whereas, CO I Stiles was himself struck with the dangerous weapon when he attempted to gain control of the attacker, who was finally subdued by two other officers; and

Whereas, after the attacker was under control and the weapon safely removed, additional personnel were directed to the scene to continue the evening mainline movement and the injured officers received emergency medical treatment; and

Whereas, CO I Stiles was initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on November 23, 1998; and

Whereas, Donald Stiles is the beloved husband of Elenor Stiles; the loving father of Claire Klein, Sherry Lauterbach, and Jim Stiles; and the wonderful grandfather of six children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute CO I Donald Stiles and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his unselfish actions on October 30, 2003, which maintained order at a potentially volatile time and undoubtedly saved the lives of fellow corrections officers and of those incarcerated for earlier crimes; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Corrections Officer I Donald Stiles of Crossroads Correctional Center.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 458, adopted February 9, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker